

Kutchi-Swahili, or **Cutchi-Swahili**, is a [Swahili](#)-based [creole](#) derived from the [Kutchi language](#) of the [Kutch district](#) in [Gujarat](#) and spoken among the [Indian](#) population of East Africa. It is the native language of some [Kutchi](#) families from [Zanzibar](#) that have settled in the larger cities of mainland [Tanzania](#) and [Kenya](#), and is used as a second language by others of the Indian community. In these areas of East Africa, the language is typically only used by Muslim groups, whereas Hindu groups use Gujarati instead.^[3]

Maho (2009) assigns different codes to Kutchi-Swahili and **Asian Swahili** (*Kibabu*),^[2] and *Ethnologue* also notes that these may not be the same.^[1]

| Kutchi-Swahili | |
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| Asian Swahili | |
| Jangbari / چنگباري / جڙباڙي | |
| Native to | Tanzania, Kenya |
| Region | Zanzibar , larger cities |
| Native speakers | 45,000 (2002) ^[1] |
| Language family | Swahili-based creole |
| Language codes | |
| ISO 639-3 | cc1 |
| <i>Glottolog</i> | cutc1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/id/cutc1238) |
| Guthrie code | G40A,B ^[2] |

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